

Chairman Kevin Martin  
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. As president of my own consulting firm and executive director of a 501c3, Women Leading Kentucky, I have followed the merger's progress and have particularly been aware of the most recent developments. From my point of view as a small business owner, this merger will greatly benefit customers of the combined company.

The greater broadband affordability and availability are especially beneficial to my business. Ask any small business owner, and you'll know that affordability and access to broadband is of great concern. As I understand it, approval of the merger will address this critical need by offering both *affordable* and *ubiquitous* service.

I understand that AT&T has proposed to the Commission a commitment to provide its dial access customers a free modem for upgrading to DSL service. I also understand the company has offered to make available a \$10 monthly residential broadband offering as well as deliver broadband capability to *all* residential units in its combined territory, including lower-income and rural areas. These commitments will help drive high-speed broadband usage and help close the digital divide between rich and poor, urban and rural.

I urge the Commission to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth promptly so that consumers can benefit from the broadband provisions this merger offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Women Leading Kentucky

cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary